



# DUEY STROEBEL

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## **Two Stroebel Bills Pass Wisconsin State Senate**

*Bills have direct impact on 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District*

Madison, WI – Two bills authored by Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) passed the Wisconsin State Senate today and will have a direct impact on the 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District.

### **Assembly Bill 362 – County Health Merger Bill**

Washington and Ozaukee Counties have begun merging their respective health departments. This bill provides the pathway to do so and improve efficiencies within their counties. The department's name will be "Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department" and the Intergovernmental Agreement is anticipated to be signed sometime around late February. This merger has strong support from overwhelming majorities on both county boards.

"State legislators constantly talk about the need for more efficiencies, streamlined services, and smaller government. This bill accomplishes all of these laudable goals. It is encouraging to see local leaders stepping forward with creative solutions to the use of taxpayer resources. When such opportunities present themselves, the State should do everything it can to serve as a partner in such efforts," Stroebel stated.

The bill heads to the Governor's desk for his signature.

### **Senate Bill 463 – Alpine Sports Bill**

The bill expands the Ski Safety Act to other Alpine sports including downhill mountain biking. The 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District boasts two ski hills (Little Switzerland and Sunburst). The bill creates uniformity and standardization and enhances the growth of this emerging sport for the industry.

The bill impacts summer mountain biking at Little Switzerland in Slinger. Last season, downhill biking was open for six days. Each event grew with more and more attendees culminating with over 200 people participating from all over the Midwest, including participants from every border state.

"The tourism industry is important to Wisconsin during all seasons. This bill helps some of our state's small business owners turn a once seasonal business into a year-round opportunity.

As a legislature, we have allowed once seasonal businesses create a year-round business model that improves tourism for Wisconsin, the 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District, and Slinger," said Senator Stroebel.

The bill heads to the Assembly for consideration.

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